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TRVE PEACE-

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Opus Iustitiæ pax.

The worke of Instice (or righteoufnesse) shall be peace.



of Iustice and peace, two royall graces; and such as flow from so-

ucraigne Maiesty: There is a dou-

ble Iustice, Divine and humane; there is a double peace, outward in the state, inward in the soule : Accordingly, there is a double fense of my Text; a spirituall, a civill sense: The spirituall concerning Theologicall Iustice, and inward peace; The civilleoncerning humane Iustice and outward peace. The spirituall thus; The Messias shall cause the fruit of his perfect iustice to be our inward peace with God, and our selues. The civill thus; The Magistrate shall cause the worke of civill Iustice in his administration, to be our outward peace with one another: In both, or either (as Mufculus well) there is an allusion in the Hebrew word to a field; the soile is the heart or the State, the feed

feed is Iustice, the fruit peace: That which was waste ground is now a Carmell, afruitfull field; and the fruit of this field of Iuftice is peace.

As there is good reason, we will beginne with the spiritual Instice

and Peace.

The great King of Heauen will disforest that peece of the world, which he calls his Church, and put " it to tillage; it shall bee fowne! with righteousnesse, and shallyceld a sweet crop of peace : in this only, not in the barren heaths of the prophane world shall true peace grow.

At first God and man were in good friends : How fhould there !! be other than good termes betwint Heaven and Paradife? God made man just; and just man (whiles he was fo) could not chuse but loue the

The form: s of wrath.

the just God that made him; finne Il ferthem at odds; in one act and instant did man leefe both his juflice and peace; now the world is il changed; now the stile of God is God the 11 Foren whor, God the avenger, Ier. 51.56. and the file of men Fili iras fonnes of wrath, Epbef. 2. 3. There is no possible peace to bee made betwixt God and man, but by the perfect luftice of him that was both God and man : I would there were a peace in the Church about this Iuftice; It is pitie and fhame there is not's but there must be herefies : Asthere aretwo parts of Dibinity, the Law and the Golpelle fo each of these have their Inflice; there is a justice of the Law, and an Euangelical Iuftice The Justice of the Law when a meere

meere morall man is inflified (out of his bwnepowers) by the works of the Law , very Papilts will give fo much way to S. Part fo much affront to Pelagini, as to renounce this, freely anathematizing that man who by the ftrength of humane nature or the doctrine of the Law, shall challenge justification; Vnleffe perhaps lome Andradim have privilege to teach, that this " Ethica Institution van cough toiusti- Morall fie and faue the old Philosophers.

The Enangelical Inflied is not without the interdention of a Sa. uionry To which claime is laid in two kindes, either as imputative, orias inherent; The inherent perought in vs: the imputed wrought for vs. How easie were it to lead you shrough a thicket of dif AA

diffinations into a large field of controllering the nature, meanes, manner of our luftifleation? No head in all Divinity yedds either more or more important Problems In fo much as Cardinall De Monte, Vice Presidenter the time of the Councell of Trent in an Oration made by him white eleuchely fellion, profeffest had when they meant to difpateholicir Decreevoncorning Jus Atification in fifteene daies, it coft themi feuen monethe sto firish, without one daies intermittion; and when all is done, they have left the world, which was before (as Pighias ingenuously:) intricated by the thorny questions of Schoolemen, rathermore vnfatiffied & perplexed than they found it. It is the maine care of our lives. and deaths, what shall give vs peace and acceptation before the dreadfull Tribunall of God: What, but righteoufnesse ? What righteoufnesse, or whose ? Ours, or Christs ? Ours, in the inherent graces wrought in vs, in the holy workes wrought by vs; or Christs, in his most perfect obedience, and meritorious fatisfaction wrought for vs applied to vs. The Tridentine faction is for the former; weevare for the latter; God is as " direct on our fide as his Word! can make him; Euery where blazoning the defects of our owne righteoufnesse, the imperfections of our best Graces, the deadly nature of our least sinnes; the radicall finfulneffe of our habituall

bitual concupifcence, the pollution of our belt workes : Energy where extolling the perfect obedience of our Redeemer, the gracious application of that obedience the (sweet comfort of that application, the affurance and vnfailableneffe of thercomfort and laftly, our bappy, will in that affurance. I instandemor; open the Booke, see where your eies can looke beside thele Sau aperte (daith their Caf-(andero) The Scripture is cleare ours; So is all antiquity, if they be-Il lemiothat learned Arbiter; So are their more ingenuous Doctors of the last age; So would they all be, if they had grace to know God. themselves, grade, sinne, heaven, helly God perfectly just, themfeliues milerably weake, Grace fenfibly

fibly imperfect, sinne vnmeasurably finfull; Laftly, if they knew that heaven is for none but the pure, that hell is for the prefumptuous. O Saujour, no man is just through thee, but he that is fanctified by thee, What is our inherent justice, but sanctity? That we aspire towards, we attaine not to; Woe were vs if we were not more just in thee, than fanctified in our selves; we are sanctified, in part, according to the weaknesse of our receit; we are justified thorowly, according to the perfection of thineacceptation; were we fully Sanctified here, we should be more than men; were we not thorowly instified, wee should be no more than finners before thee; whiles we fland before thee as finners, we can

can have no peace; Let others trust in the Charets and Horses of their owne strength, we will remember the Name of the Lord our God; The worke of thy Instice shall be our peace.

Peace is a sweet word; Every n body would be giad of it; especially Peace at the last, as the Pfalmist speakes: How have the politickly religious held out twigs for the drowning foule to catch at? Due satisfactions, vndue supererogations, patronages of Saints, bargaines of Indulgences, woollward pilgrimages, and at last (after whips and haire-clothes) leave the dying foule to a feare of Hell, doubt of Heaven, affurance of Purgatory flames; How truly may it now fay to these Doctors,

28 10b to his friends, Miserable comforters are yee all; Hearken. O yee deare Christians, to a better voice that founds from heaven; Come to me all yee that labour, and Mat. 11.28. are beauy laden, and I will give vou reft.

Is there any of you whose vnquiet breast boiles continually with the conscience of any foule !! finne? whose heart is daily tyr'd in vpon by the vultur of his fecret 11 guiltinesse? whose bosome is gnawed before-hand with that hellish Worme, which can no more giue ouer than die? It boots not to aske thee if thou wouldst have peace. Peace? Rather than life; Oh Mich. 6. wherewithall shall I come before the Lord, and bow my selfe before the most high God? Shall I come before

before bim with burnt offerings? Will the Lord be pleased with thou-Sands of Rammes, or with tenne thousand Rivers of Oyle? Shall I give my first borne for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sinne of my soule? Heare, O il thou distracted heart; what talkest thou of giving to the owner? The world is his; thou are not thine owne; Yea, were these things thine, and not his, yet know, it is not giving, but taking that must procurethy peace: An infinite Iuftice is offended; an infinite Iuftice hath fatisfied, an infinite mercy hath applied it; Take thou hold Il by the hand of faith on that infinite mercy, and justice of thy Sauiour; The worke of his Iustice shall be thy peace.

Fly about whither thou wilt, O thou weary Doue, thorowall the wide Regions of the heaven, and waters, thou shalt no where finde rest for the soles of thy feet, but in hi this Arke of Christs perfect righreousnesse: In vaine shelt thou feeke it in schooles of morality, in learned Libraries, in spacious fields and forretts, in pleasant gardens, in fullen retirednesse, in witty conuerfation, in wanton Theaters. in drunken cellers, in tables of gluttony, in beds of lust, chests of Mammon, whiffes and draughts of |11 intoxication, fongs of ribaldry, sports of recreation; No, no, the more thou feekeft it in most of thefe, the further it flies from thee, the further thou art from finding it; and if these things may give fome

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fome poore truce to thy thoughts, il it hall foone end in a more direfull warre. There irno peace, faith my God, to the wicked : Stray whither thou wilt, O thou wounded heart, thorow the Lawnds and Woods; alas, the shaft sticks still in thee, or if that bee shaken out. the head; Nonebut the fourraigne Dittany of thy Saujours righteoufnesse can drive it out; and till it be out, thou canst have no peace. In plaine termes ; wouldst thou haue peace? None but Christ can giueit thee; Hewill giue it to none but the penitent, none but the faithfull; Oh spend thy selfe into the fighes and teares of true repentance; and then raise thy humbled foule to a lively confidence in thine all-sufficient Redeemer; Set thy

thy Lord Iefus betwixt God and thy finnes ; God cannot fee thy debt, but through thing acquite a rance; By his stripes we are healed, by his wounds we are stanched. by his death we are quickned, by his righteousnelle we are discharged The worke of his righteouf nesseis our peace. Oh safe and blesfed condition of beleevers : Let Ginne, Satan, world, death, hell, 11 doe their worst; Who Shall lay any Rom.8.32. thing to the charge of Gods elect; It is God that instifieth : who shall condemne? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is rifen againe; who is alfo at the right hand of God, and maketh intercession for vs : Our enemy is now our Father, our Judge is our Saujourg the offended our furery, that precious bloud our ranfome, that perfect righteouf-

nesse our everlasting peace.

Thus much of our spirituall lustice, and Peace. The Civill sollowes: I know these two are wide termes; Iustice comprises all vertue, as Peace all blessings; For that is just in all kinds, which hath a meet adequation to the rule; All vertue therefore conforming vs to the law of God, which is the rule of persection, challengeth justly to it selse a stille of justice.

Narrower bounds will serve our turne: We speake of Justice first as a single vertue. Habits are distinguished by their acts; acts by their objects. The object of all morall vertue is good, as of all intellectually is True. The object of this vertue of fustice is the good of men in relation to each other; Other vertues order a man in regard to himfelse.

felte; luftice, in regard to another. This good being either common. or private; common of all, private of some; the acts and verme of lustice must bee surable Either, as man stands in an habitude to the whole body; or as he stands to speciall limbs of the body: The former of these is that which Philosophers and Casuists call a legall and vniuerfall Iustice. Thelatter is that particular Iustice, which we vie to distinguish by Distribution, and Commutation; the one confifting in matter of Commerce, the other in Reward, or Punishment; both of them according to a meet, though different, equality: An Arithmeticall equality in Commutation : a Geometricall in di-Aribution the former regarding the value, or worth of the thing; B 2

the latter, regarding the proportionable difference of the person.
The worke of all these three Iustices, is Peace.

First, the legall Iustice is the apparent mother and nurse of publique Peace: When Gouernors and fubiects are carefull to give each other their owne; when both confpire to command and obey for the common good; when men frame their lives to the wholfome lawes of their Soueraignes, not more out of feare than conscience; when respect to the community caries men from partiall reflections vpon theselues; As contrarily distractions, and private ends are the bane of any state. When the head and members white their thoughts and endeuours in the center of the common good the head to deuise and com

command, the eies to fee, the eare to heare, the palate to taste, the heart to moue, the bellowes of the lungs to blow, the liver to fanguifie, the stomach to digest, the guts to export, the hands to execute, the tongue to talke for the good of this naturall Common-wealth of thebody, all goes well and happily; but if any of these parts will be !! gathering to themselves, and obstructions grow within; and mutinous distempers arise in the humors, ruine is threathed to the whole: If either the Superiors mifcommand, or the inferiors difobey, " it is an affront to Peace. Inced not !! tell you that good lawes are the walls of the Citie, the fatewes of the politicke body, the rule of our life, the life of our state; without which men would turne brute, yea B 3 monmonstrous; the world were a Chaos, yea an hell. It is wisdome that makes lawes, it is Instice that keeps them; Oh let this Instice still blesse vs with a perpetuall peace; as those that doe not thinke the world made for vs, but our selues made for the world, let vs drive at an vniversall good; let there be ever that sweet correspondence betwist Sourraignty and subjection, that the one may be happy in the other, both in peace.

Secondly, the distributive Instice is not desse fruitfull of peace; when rewards of honors, & gracious respects are suited to the well-described wing; when malefactors smart according to their crimes; This sustice hath stocks for the vagrant, whips for harlots, brands for penyllarzons, ropes so totallons, weights

for the confumaciously filents stakes for blasphemous hereticks, gibbets for murtherers, the hurdles and the knife, and the pole for traitors; and vpon all thele engines of I Iustice hangs the garland of peace. " It was not for nothing that Maximilian the first, passing by the gallowes, falutod it with Salue lustitia. " Ye neuer fee luftice painted withour a fword pwhen that fword glitters with vie it is well with the publique, wee be to the Nation I where it rules. There tan bee no more acceptable factifice than the bloud of the flagitious. In mediatly after Garnets execution! Father David at Tprefin a publike Sermon declared the miracles showne thereat; Amongst the rest, thata spring of oyle brake forth ludden- " ly in the place where that Saint was

was marry sed; In stead of a lie, set it be a parable; The bloud of Traitors shed by the sword of suffice, is a well of oyle to fatten; and rentification fresh the Common-wealth.

I know well how mercy befire the mouths of Gods Ministers: The loft tongue of a Divine is no il meet wherstone for the edge of severities but withall, I dare says that Justice is a noble worke of mercy ingither need we wish to be more charitable, than the God of mercy that laies, Thing eie Shall not pare the murtherer, Numb. 35.31. The Tempter to idolatry, Deut. 13,6. The very sonnes of Leui were appointed to win an everlasting bleffing, by confecrating their hands to God in Ifraelitish bloud: The vniust fauour, and plausibilitie of Romish Doctors, towards capitall offenoffenders, bath made their Sanctuaries (euen literally) a denne of |11 theeues, an harbour of villany. It is memorable of Lewis of France. (Itiled the Saint) that he reverfed a pardon wrought from him to a malefactor, ypon reading that werfe in in the Pfalme, Beati qui faciunt in Pfal 1063. Stitiam in omni tempore; Bleffed are 11 they that doe instite at all times No maruellif one of those foure things which I sibell of Spaine was wont to fay, the loude to fee, were, /1 A Theefe ropon the ladder ; Euen !! through his haker might the fee !! the profect of peace. Woe bee to them that either for gaine or private interest in page themselves in the his of faudur to maliciously bloudy hands that by the dam of h their bribes labour to stop the due !! course of punitive Iustice; these, " VIbridT

thele are the enemies of peace; these staine the land with that Crimfon die, that cannot be washled out but by many wofull lauers of revenge: Farre, farre be it from any of you, generous Christians, to endeuour either to corrupt, or interrupt the waies of judgement, or for a private benefit to croffe the publique peace: Woe be to those partial ludges, that instific the wicked, and condemne the innocent; the girdle of whole equitie Il faggs downe on that fide where the purse hangs: Lastly, wee to those vnworthy ones that raise themselues by fraud, bribes, symony, facrilege; therefore are thefe enemies to the state, because to peace; and cherefore enemies to peace, because violaters of justice; And the worke of Iustice is peace.

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Thirdly, that commutative Iuflice workes peace; needs no other proofe than that all the reall brabbles and fuits amongst men, arise from either true or pretended iniuflice of contracts. Let me lead you in a tearme morning to the spaci- " ous Hall of Iustice: What is the !! cause of all that concourse? that II Hiue-like murmur? that noise at the barre, but injurious bargaines, fraudulent conveyances, falle tiiles, disappointment of musts, wrongfull detrutions of money, goods, lands, eduzenages, oppretfions, extortions : Could the honesty hand private Justice of men prevent thele enormities of lence " and folitude would dwell in that In wide Palace of Liftice; neither would there becomere Pleas shan " Cobewebs winder that walk roofe. II Euery

Euery way therefore it is cleered that the worke of Iustice is peace; In so much as the Guardians of

peace are called Iuflicers.

This for the Common-wealth; If it please you to cast your eies woon her Sitter the Church, you shall finde that the outward peace thereof also must arise from Iu-Rice. Alas; thence is our hopelefneffe Nover may they profper that love not, that with not peace within those facred walls; but what possibility of peace in the peremptory repulles of Iustice? What possibility of Instice in the long viurped tyranny of the fucceffor of Romaline Could we hope to les luftice once fhine from those seuen hills, we would make account of peace; but, oh, the milerable iniultice of that imperi-

ous Sea; Iniustice of claime, iniustice of practice. Of claime, ouer Kings, Church, Scriptures, Confcience: Quer Kings; there is S. Pauls Super-exalted ()His viuall title is Orbis Dominus; Dominus vniver forum in the mouthes & pens of his flatterers: And lest Princes should seeme exempted; He is Rex Regum, as Paulus 4. faics of himselfe; he is super Imperatores & reges, faith their Antoninus, Triumphus, Capistranus, and who not? How much? you know the calculation of the magnitude of the two | great lights: How ouer them? As the mafter ouer the servant; they are the words of their Pope Nicholas; The Imperiall throne is on- whence de nifi à nobis, saith Pope Adrian: What should I tel you of his bridle, ftirrup, toe, cup, canopie? Let the booke

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booke of holy Ceremonies lay the rest; These things are stale, The world hath long seene & blushed.

Ouer the Church; There is challenged a proper head-ship from whom all influences of life. sense, motion come; as their Bozius; why faid I ouer? Hee is vnder the Church: For he is the foundation of the Church faith Bellarmine; Ouer as the head, vnder as il the foundation? What can Christ be more? Thence, where are generall councells but vnder him as the streame of Iesuites; Who but he is, regula fidei, as their Andradius: he alone hath infallibility & indefectibility, whether in decretis fidei, or in preceptic morum, as Bellarmine. Hee hath power to make new Creeds, and to obtrude them to the Church; the deniall whereof was

In decrees of faith or precepts of manners. one of those Articles which Leo

Ouer Scriptures. There is claimed a power to authorize them for such; A power to interpret them, fententialiter & Obligatorie, being such; A power to dispense with them, ex causa, though such.

Ouer the consciences of men; In dispensing with their oathes, in allowance of their sinnes. It is one head of their Canon Law, A Iaramento sidelitatis absoluit, Decret. p.2. Caus. 15. qu. 6. And in enery oath is vnderstood a reservation and exception of the Popes power, say his Parasites.

I am alhamed to tell, and you would blush to heare of the dispensation reported to be granted by Sixtus 4. to the family of the Cardinallot Saint Lucie; and by

He absoluts from the oash of Allegeance. Alexander 6. to Peter Mendoza

And asthere is horrible injuffice in these claimes; so is there no lesse in practife. Take a tafte for all: What can be more vniust than to cast out of the lap of the Church thosethat oppose their nouelties, to condemnethem to the stake to hell for Heretikes. What more yniust than to fallifie the writings of ancient, or moderne authors by fecret expurgations by wilfull mif-editions? what more vniust than the withholding the remedy il of generall Councels, and transacting all the affaires of the " Church by a pack't Conclave? What more vniult than the suppression of the Scriptures, and murilation of the Sacrament to the Laity. What more vniust than allowance lowance of equiuocation; than vpholding a faction by willing fallhood of rumors, than plotting the subuersion of King and state by vnnaturall conspiracies? Well may we call heaven and earth to record against the injustice of these claimes, of these practises. What then? Is it to hope for peace, notwithstanding the continuance of all thefe? So the worke of Iniuftice shall be peace: And an vniust and vnfound peace must it needs bothat arises from Iniustice; Is it to hope they will abandon these things for Peace? Oh that the Church of God might once be fo happy: That there were but any !! life in that possibilitie; In the !! meane time, let God and his holy Angels witnesse betwixt vs, that on their part the peace faileth; we

what have wee attempted? what have we innovated? Onely wee have stood vpon a just and modest negative, and have vniustly suffered. Oh that all the innocent bloud wee have shed could wash their hands from Injustice, from enmity to Peace.

That from them wee may returne to our schees; For the publique, wee enioy an happy Peace; Bleffed be God for Iuftice : and if in this common harmony of Peace, there be found some primate iarres of discord, whence is it but from our owne Ininflice? The worldis of anotherminde whole wont is to censure him that punithes the fault, nor him that makes it; Severity, nor guildinelle in common opinion, breakes the praceo Let

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Let the question bee who is the great make bate of the world; bel gin with the family . Who thoubles the house? Not unruly headstrong debaucht, children, that are ready to throw the house our of the windowes, but the auftere father, that reproues, that corrects them, would be winke at their diforders. all would be quiet. Not carelesse, floathfull, falle, lime-fingred feruants, but the frict master, that obferues and rates, and chastifes them; would he hold his hands, and rongue, there would bee peace.

Not the pecuish and turbulent "wife," who forgetting the ribbe, "vourps upon the head, but the refolute husband, that hates to leesse "
his authority in the love; rementbring that though the ribbe bee

The like difcourse to this ye shall finde in Conrad. Schluffelburgius in his preface to his 13th, booke Catal, Hæret. bout the heart, yet the head is about the thoulders; Would be fall from the termes of his honour, there would be peace.

In the Country not the oppreffing Gentleman, that tyrannizes ouer his Cottagers, incroches vpon his neighbours inheritance, incloses commons, depopulates villages feruzes his Tenants to death, but the poore foules that when they are crushed, yeeld the iuyce of teares, exhibit bils of complaint, throw open the new thornesow maintaine the old mounds; would these men bee content to be quietly racked, and spoyled, there would be peace,

domitish brothels, that fell themfelues to worke wickednesse; not the abominable Pandars, not the jugling

ingling cheater, not the counter. fert Vagrant, but the Marthall that drawes thele to correction; Not the deceivful Merchant that for philticares his commodities, inhanceth prices, fells every inch of (-what he cannot warrant) Time; Northe vnconfeionable and frandokene Artified, but the promoter and the Benefit pagewi has count offirthe Common-wealth, not the orucil cobber by fea or land, that lies in the way, like a flider linia window, for a booty, forbloudd Northe bold night walker what keepes faulage hours fir for the guiltie intentions of his burglaries, bue the watch that takes him; Northe rank adulterer that neighs after his neighbours wife, and thirsts after only stolne waters, but the fworne men that prefent IC 3

that in enery frampe reades his owne condiction, whiles hee still renewes that face against which hee offends, but the Sheriffe that attaches him.

Not the vnreformable drunkard, that makes a God of his liquor, a beaft of himfelfe, and raues, and swaggers in his cups but the Constable that punishes him; would these officers continue at all these villanics, there would be peace.

in the Church, not the chaffe, ring Patron, or periured chaplaine; not the seducing heroticke, or seducing heroticke, or seducing seducing heroticke, not the searchest questman, not the corrupt Officiall, but the clamorous Preacher, or the rigorous High-Commission.

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In the world, lastly, Not the ambitious increchers ypon others dominions, not violaters of leagues, not vsurpers of mis-gotten titles and dignities, not suborners, or abettors of conspiracies, and traitors, but the unkinde patients that will not resipere ferrum. I wis the great Potentates of the world might see a ready way to Peace.

Thus in family, countrey, citie, commonwealth, Church, world, the greatest part seeke a dicentions upeace, in a disordered lawlesse in nesses, condemning true instice of cruelty, stripping there of the homour of speace, branding her with the censure of troublesome. Foo-lish men speake foolish things: Of noble and incomparable hersing of peace, how injuriously arrithou

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afcribed to vniust neglect? Oh divine Vertue of Justice, how deferuedly have the Ancients given thee wings, and fent thee vp to heaven in a detestation of these earthly indignities; whence thou comst not downcat all, valesse it please that essentiall and infinite Iustice to communicate thee to fomechoyce fauourites. It is but a just word, that this Iland hath beenglong approved the darling of keenen; We have enjoyed peace, n to the admiration, to the ennie of il neighbourhoode Would we continueit? would we traduce it to ours? Inflice mast doe infor vs. Both Juffice, and Peace are from the throne : Peace is the Kings Peace; and Iultice descends from Soueraignty by commission; Let me haue leaue to fay with the princely princely Prophet (a wordsharwas too good for the frequent text of a Pope) Diligite institiam qui indicatis terram. Still, ô God, giue thy judgements to the King, and thy Justice to the Kings sonne. And if any shall offer wrong to the Lords anointed in his person, in his feed the worke of that iniu flice shall be war; yea Bellum Domimi, the Lords war; (2 Sam.25.28) Then let him who is both the Lord of Holts, and the God of peace, rife vp mightily for his a nomited, the true King of Peace; that he who hath graciously faid all this while, Da pacem, Domine, Give peace in our time, O Lords may supersoribe at the last his inst | Trophees, with, Bleffed bee the " Lord which teacheth my hands to warre, and my fingers to fight.

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Ye have heard of the spiritual Iustice and Peace; Yee have heard of the Civill; may it please you to mix both of them together: My textalone dothit rif you doe but with our most accurate Translation, reade Righteousnesse for Iustice; So shall you see the spirituall disposition of Righteournesse produce the civill effect of Peace, What is Righteousnesse, but the fincere vprightnes of the heart 1 to God in all our waies : He is per-" fect with God, that would be fo: What need I tell you that this withe way to true inward peace, Nil conscire, A cleare heart will be a quiet one. There is no feast to a n good conscience; this is meat, il mulicke welcome : It feemes harder that true spirituall honesty should procure even ourward

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Not to bee guilty of ill.

peace: Heare wife Salomon ; By the blassing of the whright, the city is exalted, Prous 11. 11. When a mans waies please the Lord, bee maketh even his enemies to bee at peace with bim, Prou. 16. 7. Righteousnassa exalteth a nation, but fin! is a reproach to any people, Prou. 14. 34. It followes then as a just corollary, That the honestest, and conscionablest man is the best subject: He may perhaps be plaine, perhaps poore, perhaps weake, but the state !! is more beholden to his integrity, " than to the ablest purse, than !! to the strongest arme; Whereas the gracelesse, and vicious person, let him be neuer so plausible a talker, never fo carefull an Officer, neuer so valiant a Leader, neuer so officious a courtier, neuer so deepe in subsidies never so forward

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ward in actions; is no other than an enemy to the state, which hee Anill man, professes to adore. Let no Philosopher tell me of, malus vir bonus ciuis; I say from better authoritie, that a lewd man can no more be a n good Subject, than an ill Subject can bee a good man : Heare this then (wherefocuer ye are) ye fecret oppressors, ye profane scoffers, yee soule mouth'd swearers, yee close adulterers, ye kind drukards, and who ever come within this blacke lift of wickednesse, how can ye be loyall, whiles you lodge n traytors in your bosomes? Protest what ye will ; your fins breake the 11 peace, and conspire against the saored Crowne, and dignitic of your Sourraigne; What care wee that you draw your sword, and vow your blond, and drinke W. W. your

when in the meane while you prouoke God to anger, and let quarrels betwixt your Country and Heaven?

That I may winde vp this clew; |11 It were folly to commend to you the worth of peace; we know that the excellency of Princes is expreffed by ferenity; what good hath !" the earth which God doth not 11 couch vnder the name of Peace? 11 Bleffed be God, and his Anointed, we have long and comfortably tai Red the sweetnesse of this blessing; the Lilies and Lions of our Salo-11 mon have beene juftly worded " with Beati pacifici: Would we have this happinelle perpetuated to ye, to posterity & Oh let Prince and people meet in the ambition to be Gensiufta, a rightcous nation, righ-

teous enery way; First, let God have his owne; His owne daies, his owne feruices; his feare, his love, his all: Let Religion leade all our projects, not follow them; levour liues be led in a confcionable obe. dience to all the lawes of our maker: Far bee all blasphemies, curses, and obscenities from our tongues, all outrages and violences from our hands; all prefumptuous and rebellious thoughts from our hearts. Let our hearts, hands, tongues, lives, bodies and loules be fincerely devoted to him. Then, for men: let vs give Cafar his owne: Tribute, feare, subjection, loyalty, and (if hee need) our lines } Det the nobility have honour, obeilance, observation; Let the Clergy have their dues, and our renerence; Let the commons haue'

have truth, loue, fidelity in all their transactions: Let there be trus tiniaiusta, ponderaiusta: Let there Leu.19.36. be no grinding of faces, no trampling on the poore (Amos 5.11.) no swallowing of widdowes houses, no force, no fraud, no periury, no perfidiousnesse.

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Finally, for our selues; let euery man possesse his vessell in holinesseand honour; framing himselfe to all Christian and heavenly !! temper, in all wisdome, sobriety, chastity, meeknesse, constancy, moderation, patience, and sweet contentation: so shall the worke of our righteousnesse bee peace of heart, peace of state; private and publike peace; Peace with our selues, peace with the world, peace with God; temporall peacehere, eternall peace and glory aboue: vnto |

vnto the fruition whereof, he who hath ordained vs, mercifully bring vs for the lake of him, who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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